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SUMMARY: UNANIMOUS UNSC VOTE ON SA SANCTIONS REPORTED
FRONT PAGE MOST NEWSPAPERS WITH PROMINENT COVERATE FM
PIK BOTHA REACTION ACCUSING UN OF HYPOCRISY. LITTLER
OPPOSITION NEWSPAPER COMMENT THUS FAR.
PRO-SAG AND AFRIKAANS PAPERS EXPRESSED OUTRAGE,
BLAMING US IN PARTICULAR.
SAG SPOKESMAN QUOTED AS SAYING CONSEQUENCE WILL BE
REVIEW OF SAG COOPERATION WITH WEST ON SOUTHWEST AFRICA
AND RHODESIA. (END SUMMARY)

1. UN EMBARGO ON MAJOR STORY IN MOST ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS
PAPERS NOV 5. JOHANNESBURG ENGLISH OPPOSITION
RAND DAILY MAIL IN FRONT-PAGE STORY " UN BLOCKS ALL
ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA" SAID " ALL 15 SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
SHOT UP THEIR HANDS IN THE UNANIMOUS VOTE-- THE FIRST TIME
IN ITS 32-YEAR HISTORY THAT UN HAS MANDATED ACTION AGAINST

MEMBER STATE." ARTICLE SAID ONE UN MEMBER-- ISRAEL--
IS ALREAD WAVERING ON THETHER TO COMPLY. ARTICLE SAID
AMB YOUNG HAILED THE RESOLUTION AS A COMPROMISE BUT AFRICAM
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BLOCK CLEARLY ELEATED.

2. JOHANNESBURG PRO-SAG THE CITIZEN, UNDER HEADLINE, " UN EMBARGOES
ARMS, THEN YOUNG WORNS SA", SAID " THE UN ACTION SEEN IN NEW
YORK LAST NIGHT AS LARGELY SYMBOLIC SONCE SA PRODUCES 90 P/C
OF ITS OWN ARMS." ARTICLE ALSO NOTED OTHER MOVE BY GENERAL
ASSEMBLY FOR SC TO CONSIDER SANCTIONS AGAINST SA TO FORCE ITS

WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTHWEST AFRICA. SAME NEWSPAPER IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, UNDER HEALINE " YOUNG GETS HIS ARMS BAN" CALLED UN MOVE " MADNESS, SHEER MADNESS;" LAID THE BLAME ON THE CARTER ADMIN WHICH IT SAID IS " TWO FACED;". AND SINGLED OUT AMB. YOUNG AS " DOUBLE-TALKING" INSTIGATOR OF BAN. EDITORIAL SAID: " WAY BACK IN JAN MR. YOUNG WAS ALREADY URGING A VERY HARD LINE ON SA. APPEARING BEFORE SENATE FOR. REL. COMMITTEE, HE BACKED A GLOBAL ARMS EMBARGO ON THE REPUBLIC. YET THE SELF-SAME MR. YOUNG DURING HIS BREAKFAST WITH EDITORS IN JOHANNESBURG, SAID HE SAW NO PURPOSE IN AN ARMS EMBARGO WHEN SA PRODUCED 85 PERCENT OF THE ARMS IT NEEDED AND THE NEAREST ARMY WAS 2,000 MILES AWAY. DOUBLE TALKS? YOU BET.. THOUGH MR. CARTER AND MR. MONDALE ARE RIGHT UP THERE WITH HIM, THEY HAVE A FAT HOPE OF ACHIEVING THEIR OBJECTIVE (OF MAJORITY RULE). BUT WE DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE THE NASTINESS THE CARTER ADMIN IS CAPABLE OF THROWING IN OUR DIRECTION. OR THE DANGERS WE SHALL FACE AS A RESULT.. WHAT THE USG WANTS IS BLACK MAJORITY RULE ON A ONE MAN ONE VOTE BASIS. NOTHING LESS. AND IT WILL DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO TRY AND ACHIEVE IT. ONLY IF SOUTH AFRICA STANDS STEADFAST AND UNITED AGAINST AMERICA'S DANGEROUS INTERFERENCE IN ITS DOMESTIC AFFAIRS CAN THIS COUNTRY AND NATION HOPE TO SURVIVE."

3. COLUMNIST STANLEY UYS, IN RAND DAILY MAIL COMMENT, DISCUSSED UNCLASSIFIED

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DOUBLE STANDARD ISSUE OF WHY WORLD IS AGAINST SA WHEN OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICES." THE ANSWER OF COURSE IS SIMPLE-- RACE. SOUTHERN AFRICA IS THE ONLY PART OF THE WORLD LEFT WHERE PEOPLE ARE JUDGED OFFICIALLY BY THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN.. THE BELL IS TOLLING FOR IT(RACIAL DISCRIMINATION) AND NO POWER ON EARTH CAN PRESERVE IT IN THE INSTITUTIONALIZED FORM IN WHICH IT EXISTS IN SOUTH AFRICA TODAY. THE FOLLOWERS OF APARTHEID WILL HAVE TO RECONCILE THEMSELVES TO THIS. THEIR KIND OF SOCIETY IS ON THE WAY OUT. IT WILL BE A SLOW AND AGONIZING PROCESS, PROBABLY MARKED BY VIOLENCE, BUT IT IS AN INEVITABLE PROCESS AGAINST DOUBLE STANDARDS. THE WORLD HAS TURNED ITS FACE AGAINST RACE DISCRIMINATION AND THAT'S THAT. ON THIS ISSUE, IT IS IMPLACABLE."

4. CAPE TOWN ENGLISH OPPOSITION " ARGUS" EDITORIALIZED:" IN SEEKING TO BRAND SA A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE THE SC HAS ITSELF BECOME A THREAT TO THAT PEACE, STANDING TRUTH AND MORALITY ON ITS HEAD IN THIS FOOLISH, TRAGIC DECISION THAT MEANS JUSTIFY THE END. ONLY TIME WILL TELL WHAT DANGERS HAVE BEEN UNLEASHED ON THIS BLACK DAY AT THE UN BY THE BODY FORMED TO BRING THE WORLD PEACE."

5. EDOTORIAL REACTION IN AFRIKAANS (PRO-SAG) PAPERS TO ARMS EMBARGO WAS OUTRAGE. JOHANNESBURG'S " DIE VADERLAND" NOV 4 SAID" THIS WAS MOST DANGEROUS DECISION AND WILL SERVE TO PROMOTE THE CAUSE OF VIOLENCE. THE DECISION WAS BASED ON A DEMONSTRABLE LIE: THAT RSA IS ATTACKING ITS NEIGHBORS AND THREATENING THE PEACE. RSA HAS NEVER ATTACKED A NEIGHBOR STATE. AT MOST WE HAVE CHASED TERRORISTS BACK ACROSS THE BORDERS THEY CROSSED TO ATTACK US. THE UNSC DECISION IS DESIGNED TO RENDER RSA HELPLESS AGAINST ATTACKS FROM TERRORISTS AND POSSIBLY NEIGHBOR STATES, SO THAT THE " APARTHEID" REGIME CAN BE BROUGHT DOWN. BUT IN FACT THIS IS THE MOST DANGEROUS PROVOCATION FOR WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THAT COULD BE IMAGINED. THEY THINK WE WILL NOW BE EASY PREY FOR THE COMMUNISTS. BUT BECAUSE OUR SURVIVAL IS AT STAKE, WE WILL RESIST WITH ALL OUR POWER, AMERICA AND THE WEST DO NOT REALIZE THE POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL CONSEQUENCES OF WHAT THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE DONE."

6. JOHANNESBURG'S " DIE TRANSVALER" NOV 5 SAID " IT IS GRAFIGYING AS FAR AS WEAPONS SUFFICIENCY IS CONCERNED, THAT WE HAVE LONG PREPARED FOR THIS SUTUATION, YET THIS BLACK AFRICAN SUCCESS IN THE UNSC WILL ENCOURAGE THEM TO TURN THE SCREWS EVER TIGHTER. AND UNFORTUNATE INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE WEST,UNDER INSTIGATION OF PRES CARTER AND AMB YOUNG, WILL MAKE FURTHER CONCESSIONS TO THEM AT RES'S EXPENSE. SELF-SUFFICIENCY MUST NOW BE OUR RALLYING CRY, THIS WILL MAKE RIGOROUS DEMANDS ON US, BUT WILL ALSO MAKE US MORE RESOLUTE THAN EVER, HERIN LIED THE WARNING FOR THOSE ABROAD AND AT HOME WHO SEEK TO OVERCOME US MILITARILY OR PSYCHOLOGICALLY. AS THE PM SAID, THEY MIGHT HURT US, BUT THEY CANNOT OBLITERATE US."

7. THE CITIZEN IN PAGE 11 ARTICLE QUOTED UNNAMED SAG SPOKESMAN AS SAYING ONE CONSEQUENCE OF ARMS EMBARGO WILL BE SAG REVIEW OF ITS COOPERATION WITH FIVE WESTERN POWERS ON SOUTH WEST AFRICA AND RHODESIA. IF THESE COUNTRIES ALLEGE SA IS THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE, THEN SA CANNOT COOPERATE WITH SUCH FREINDS, HE SAID. SPOKESMAN SAID ARMS EMBARGO WILL HAVE FAR SERIOUS EFFECT ON OTHER COUNTRIES THAN ON SAG WHICH FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES SELF-SUFFICIENT IN ARMS. MENTION MADE OF BLACK STATES SUCH AS LESOTHO, NOTING SA COULD REFUSE TO LET LESOTHO IMPORT ARMS VIA SA. SPOKESMANR SAID SA WILL ACT IN OWN INTERESTS FROM NOW ON AND WORLD SHOULD NOT COMPLAIN IF SA'S INTERSTS AFFECTED THEM BADLY FROM NOW ON.

8. MOST NEWSPAPERS ALSO REPORTED IMMEDIATE REACTION TO SANCTIONS FROM PM PIK BOTHA, IN WRITTEN STATEMENT TO NEWSMEN JUST AFTER ANNOUNCEMENTS UN ACTION. STATEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID ACTION SHOWS MUCH MORE ABOUT HYPOCRITICAL STATE OF
WORLD THAN ABOUT STATE OF SA-- HYPOCRITICAL BECAUSE
OTHER NATIONS RESERVE RIGHT TO PRESERVE ORDER
WITHIN OWN BORDERS, BECAUSE OTHER NATIONS PRACTICE THE
MOST BRUTAL EXCESSES, BECAUSE CONCEPT OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION
HARDLY EXISTS IN MANY UN MEMBER STATES. ME. BOTHA WENT
ON TO DEFEND SAG AND ITS POLICIES SAYING IT SUPPORTS
PRESERVATION OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS. HE ALSO NOTED
SA SIGNIFICANT PROGRSS TOWARD MANUFACUTE OF OWN SOPHISTICATED
RANGE OF WEAPONS, INCLUDING MISSILES. (STATEMENT BEING
REPORTED MORE FULLY IN SEPTTEL).

9. HIGHLY-RESPECTED LIBERAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEEKLY MAG.
FINANCIAL MAIL, NOV 4 IN ARTICLE AFTER THREE VETOES AT UN THIS

WEEK BUT BEFORE EMBARGO PASSE, NOTED: " THE GROWING
IMPORTANCE OF BLACK AFRICAN STATES AS WESTERN TRADING PARTNERS
HAS THE INEVITABLE RESULT THAT THE WESTERN POWERS ARE NOW
MUCH MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO PRESSURES FROM THESE STATES THAN
IN THE PAST. THE AMERICANS ALSO WANT PROTECT THEIR ECONOMIC
INTERESTS IN SA, BUT THECRUCIAL POINT IS THEIR BELIEF THAT
IN THE LONGER TERM ONLY FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL CHANGE HERE
WILL ACHIEVE THAT END. IT IS PRECISELY BECAUSE OF ITS
INTERESTS IN SA THAT THE US APPLIES GREATER PRESSURE TO
SA THAN TO OTHER COUNTRIES.. WHAT SA CALLS DOUBLE STANDARDS."
ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT THREE VETOWS HAVE GIVEN
SA A BREATHING SPACE BUT NO MORE. IF NO INTERNAL CHANGE
FORTHCOMING, ECONOMIC SANCTIONS A POSSIBILITY. HUGHES

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